

NEW WEST POINT NOW BEING BUILT

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Improvement Which Will Soon
Transform It Into a Magnifi-
cent Military Post.

UGLY OLD BUILDINGS TO GO.

Plans Are Kept Secret, Although
Architects Have Been Working
On Them for Months and Have
Them Completed.

Work has begun on the \$5,000,000 improvements that are to make West Point the magnificent military post pictured in the accompanying illustration. For many years the succeeding superintendents have been pondering at the expense for adequate quarters for the young men who are studying to be officers in the army, but not until the last session was any attention paid to the requests. Of the \$5,000,000 appropriation \$2,000,000 is available, and the rotten piles of brownstone that have sheltered the cadets for generations will soon be razed to make way for modern buildings.

The improvements contemplate a new chapel, a new riding hall to take the place of the antiquated old building down under the hill, additions to the academy, a new cadet store, new barracks, additions to the gymnasium, which is at present too small to accommodate the cadets and a new cadet guard and social assembly building. Included in these improvements will be new bath-houses and other conveniences now sadly lacking.

The most important of all the proposed changes is the erection of a new barracks to take the place of the old buildings. These prison-like structures are a disgrace to the United States Government and have been for years. Only the strict discipline and careful direction in the Academy have served to keep the young men who occupy them in good health under the most unsanitary conditions. To live in the barracks as they stand at present is little short of martyrdom.

The illustration gives a good idea of what the new West Point will be like. It will be noted that the great plain and parade ground will not be touched for building purposes. There is plenty of room in the reservation on ground already occupied by buildings or available in other locations to leave the broad stretch of level land on the hill-top undisturbed.

When the new buildings are erected West Point will be a worthy home for the cadets, and the work of the architects will be in harmony with the beauty of the site. A more important consideration is that the health of the cadets will not be endangered by the old, out-of-date buildings.

LONGED FOR A
PEST WAGON.

Mr. Sullivan, of Staten Island,
Set His Heart on Possessing
an Abandoned Small-Pox
Ambulance—and Got It.

HAD TO BE VACCINATED.

The ambition of James D. Sullivan, a contractor of Staten Island to own an ambulance has resulted in the forcible vaccination of himself, his family and some of his neighbors, for the ambulance that Sullivan hankered for and got was the Staten Island small-pox ambulance that carried forty cases last winter and never has been fumigated.

About the ambition of Mr. Sullivan there are humorous elements despite the small-pox feature of it. His ownership of the ambulance came about through the purchase possibly without parallel—that of an abandoned garbage crematory.

This crematory is located at New Brighton. Being of no use to the city—although it cost \$10,000, it was put up at auction a few days ago and Sullivan bought it for \$75.

Stored in the abandoned garbage crematory was the small-pox ambulance. Sullivan, not content with his bargain in getting the building, promptly annexed the ambulance, which was packed with blankets and other bedding, and removed it to a barn on his premises.

When the aristocratic residents of Snug Harbor heard of the small-pox ambulance, they complained to Dr. Sprague, head of the Health Department of the Borough of Richmond. He sent to Sullivan for the ambulance and Sullivan refused to give it up.

Yesterday a squad of mounted policemen was sent for the ambulance. Mrs. Sullivan, a large, muscular woman, met the policemen, planted herself between the shafts of the ambulance and refused to budge. The vehicle was pushed out of the yard, with Mrs. Sullivan between the shafts. She would not give up until she reached the street, when the ambulance was taken to the headquar-

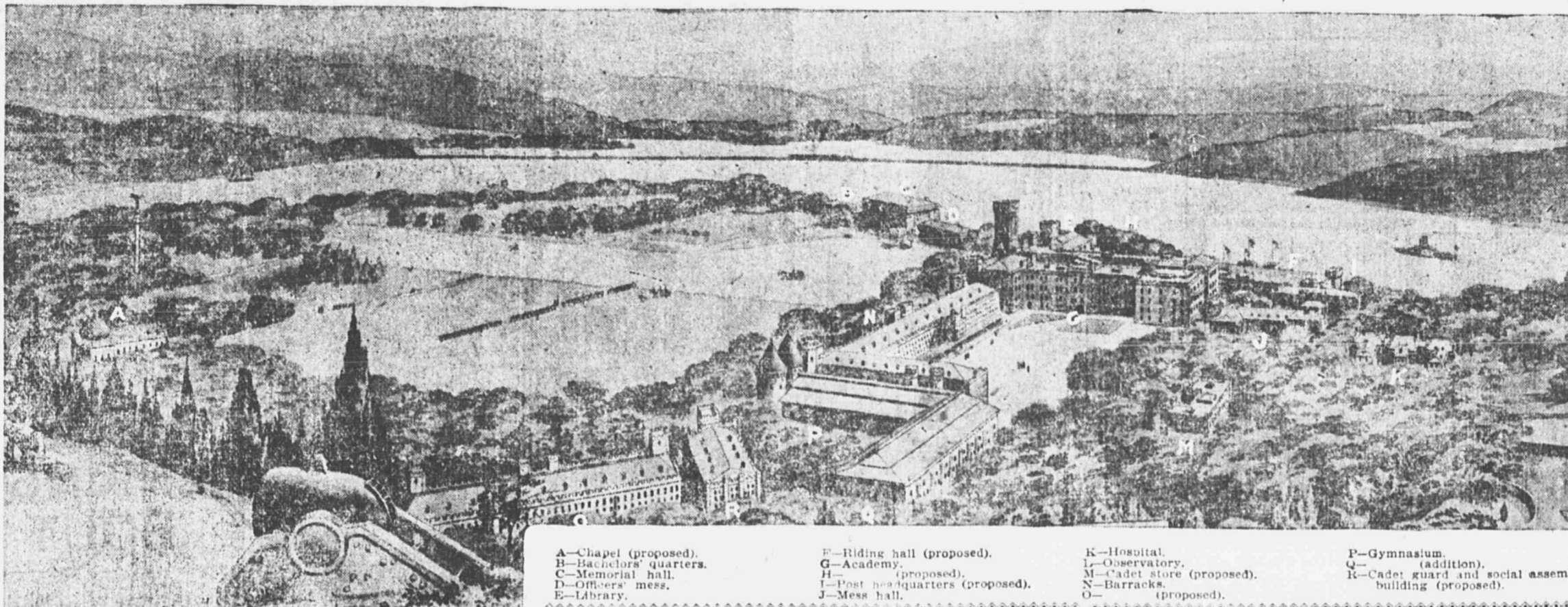
On account of the danger of infection the vaccination of the ambulance and all with whom they have come in contact since they annexed the ambulance was ordered. Two vaccinators, assisted by a squad of policemen scraped the arms of the Sullivans and many other residents of New Brighton to-day.

VERDICT AGAINST EMPLOYER

Clerk, Falsely Accused, Awarded
Damages in Suit for Vindiction.

A verdict for \$16,000 for false imprisonment was granted Byron Rawson, of Mount Vernon, against Francis H. Leggett & Co., of New York, in the Supreme Court at White Plains before Justice Gaynor. Rawson was a clerk at Leggett's for twenty-four years and was arrested on a charge of embezzlement. A jury in New York acquitted him and he was at once brought suit for \$16,000.

NEW WEST POINT, DRAWN FROM THE OFFICIAL PLANS, AS IT WILL APPEAR WHEN THE WORK THAT WILL COST FIVE MILLION DOLLARS IS COMPLETED.



A—Chapel (proposed).
B—Barracks (proposed).
C—Memorial hall.
D—Officers' mess.
E—Library.
F—Riding hall (proposed).
G—Academy.
H—Post headquarters (proposed).
I—Mess hall.
K—Hospital.
L—Observatory.
M—Cadet store (proposed).
N—Barracks (proposed).
O—(proposed).
P—Gymnasium (proposed).
Q—(proposed).
R—Cadet guard and social assembly building (proposed).

STABBED BEST FRIEND TO DEATH

Then Thompson Morton Un-
successfully Tried Suicide, and
Motive for the Crime Is a
Mystery.

BOTH SOCIALLY PROMINENT.

(Special to The Evening World.)
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 20.—Thompson Morton, who stabbed to death his best friend, John W. Barringer, Jr., remains apparently indifferent to the enormity of his crime and absolutely refuses to talk of the case or explain to the police his motive. No recent murder in St. Louis has created such interest, as both men were prominent socially.

Morton is a civil engineer, but is at present unemployed. His victim was also an engineer in the employ of the Memphis, St. Louis and Southern Railroad. They were supposed to be the best of friends.

Yesterday morning Morton went to Barringer's office in the Granite Building. Barringer called cheerily for him to come into the private office. For a few minutes the two men talked in low tones and then Barringer ran into the hall.

Morton was clinging to him, brandishing a long clasp knife and before others in the office could reach them they were together and Morton buried the knife four times in his victim's body. Then as he was dragged away he tried to kill himself by swallowing bichloride of mercury. He will recover.

You needn't take the trouble to have him identified, he said. "I did it," Barringer died thirty minutes after he was stabbed. The murderer refuses to make any statement. He says an explanation would only involve others and make trouble.

Barringer was a son of Col. John W. Barringer, U. S. A., retired, and a brother of the late Senator John W. Barringer of the United States Circuit Court, Philadelphia. He was married to Miss Pauline Beck, a society belle of St. Louis, and had a child and a child on the way.

SHERBROOK, La., Dec. 20.—Thompson Morton, the principal in the killing of John W. Barringer, Jr., at St. Louis, is well known here, where he is prominently connected.

His brother-in-law, Walter Jackson, is clerk of the United States Circuit Court here. He is connected by marriage with a prominent family. When seen last night Mr. Jackson could throw no light on the tragedy.

Until within the last week or two Morton has not been in Sherbrooke for two or three years. He was an athlete of ability, is about thirty-five, unmarried, and a college man.

MAUDE ADAMS WELL AGAIN.

Actress Is Able to Appear, but
Arrangements Are Uncertain.

Maude Adams has recovered from her indisposition of the summer, according to an announcement by Charles Frohman, her manager. While he is uncertain about the advisability of having his star appear again this season, he has decided to start her regular season next October with a new play at the Empire Theatre.

Miss Adams has been living with her mother at their country home at Ronkonkoma, L. I., since her return from France a month ago and has been busy with household duties and the study of French.

For her Christmas shopping she has come to town for a few days.

SANTA READY FOR EAST SIDE

Preparations Made by Hungarian
Literary Society to Give Toys.

The annual Christmas distribution of toys and clothing to the children of the east side poor by the Hungarian Literary Society will take place at its club room, No. 272 East Tenth street at 8 o'clock, Dec. 24.

The fund set aside for this purpose is the proceeds of the Hungarian Peasant Ball, which is given each New Year's eve. The one this year will be held on Dec. 31 at Suiter's Harlem Casino, Second avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street.

The honorary president, Counselor Morris Cukor, acting as Santa Claus, will supervise the distribution of the gifts, which is in charge of the Ladies' Committee of the society.

ACTOR ROSE HAS ACROMEGALY.

This Disease Attacks the Base
of the Skull and Subsequently
Prevents Proper Action of the
Brain.

ITS VICTIMS BECOME INSANE.

According to the doctors who have examined him, Harry C. Rose, the actor, who shot and killed his wife and who is now a prisoner in the Tombs awaiting trial, has acromegaly. This is one of the most peculiar diseases of the body in which the human physical body is heir. Its invariable companion is insanity, and it is the insanity through which the attorneys expect to have Rose committed to an asylum.

Dr. Walter H. Conley was one of the physicians appointed in the commission to examine Rose. Dr. Conley is considered a leading alienist and neurologist. For nine years he was on the staff of physicians at the State Hospital for the Insane, at Buffalo, and while there observed and treated thousands of cases of insanity. Among all of these, he says, he observed not more than four, or possibly five, cases similar to that of Rose.

"Acromegaly is a disease primarily of the brain and then of the bones," said Dr. Conley to a reporter to-day in his office at No. 110 West Thirty-ninth street. "It was not classified until 1886, but previous to that time it was, like appendicitis, an unknown thing in medical science, although it doubtless existed."

"The first symptom is a swelling of the base of the brain, known as the medulla oblongata. This in a short time affects the bones of the face, hands and feet, but no other bones. They start to grow abnormally. This growth is more noticeable in the feet, where the toes soon grow to be as long as the fingers."

"The facial bones become greatly enlarged and change the entire appearance of the face. The bones in the hands extend and enlarge until they are out of all proportion to the rest of the body. In the few cases I have seen there have been no cures."

"As the base of the brain continues to enlarge it cramps the cerebellum and cerebrum sections of the brain until there is no longer room for them to perform their functions and the victim becomes worse than an idiot and imbecile. They lose all reasoning power."

"Sometimes this insanity may take the violent form and the victim may be a raving maniac. In others he may be docile and without the slightest power to act, one way or another. He loses all will power."

"I believe that Rose was afflicted with acromegaly several years ago and that now it is just beginning to seriously affect his brain. He undoubtedly has the disease. A person thus afflicted may live for anywhere from twelve to twenty or twenty-two years."

OLD MOTHER FOUND SON.

He Read of Her Predicament and
Soon Hunted Her Up.

Through the publication in The Evening World of the story of the mother-love of Mrs. Dorris R. Rex, the old woman who sought shelter at the home of Mrs. Mary Flagger in Newark, she was reunited with the son for whom she had searched so earnestly. August Rex read that his mother was in America and met her at Mrs. Flagger's home.

The mother came to America in response to a letter from her son in which he said he had broken his leg by falling from a scaffold. In ignorance of the conditions here she did not bring his street address in Newark, and, after wandering about for more than a day, asked for aid at the home of Mrs. Flagger.

August Rex embraced his mother and insisted that she should now make her home with him. But the old woman said that, since he did not need her now to nurse him, she would return to her old home in Hamburg, where she has always lived.

TRIED TO KIDNAP MARGARET TAYLOR TO 1,000 FAMILIES

Effort Made to Entice Little Girl Away from
Home Only Few Months After Her Return.



MARGARET TAYLOR.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 20.—It is reported that another attempt has been made to kidnap little Margaret Taylor, the eight-year-old child who was stolen by her aunt, Miss Clara Taylor, four years ago and taken to Europe.

Margaret says she was playing in the yard of her home when two women came up and cried to her: "Margaret, Margaret!"

"Why, there's auntie," she cried, but instinctively she turned and ran into the house to her mother. Mrs. Taylor rushed out, but only caught a glimpse of the two women as they were hurrying away. Margaret's mother is greatly disturbed. She says the women were undoubtedly the two who called at the College Hill school, which Margaret attends, and asked to see her. The teacher told them to return after class hours.

Little Margaret Taylor was kidnapped in 1898 by her aunt, Clara Taylor, and her grandmother, Mrs. Frances Langworthy Taylor. Clara Taylor took the child to London, and later, on learning that her identity had been discovered, she fled with the child to Bardonia, Italy. She was arrested there. Mr. Taylor went to Italy and brought home his child. He said he had called on his sister in San Remo Prison and felt sure she was demented. The woman seemed to have an abnormal love for her niece. Miss Taylor and Mrs. Taylor were convicted of kidnapping, but the sentence was never enforced against them. Only recently Miss Taylor came home from Europe.

While in court Brown collapsed and was taken to the Brooklyn Hospital, where it was said he was suffering from heart failure. He will recover, and his wife then promises to prosecute him on a charge of abandonment.

SHOWS "HOW TO WIN CASE"

Lawyer-Author, Arrested, Demon-
strates Knowledge of Subject.

Henry Hardwick, a lawyer, of No. 22 Broadway, who was an assistant District-Attorney, was arrested to-day.

Two Other Men Badly Hurt in
Freight Collision and Several
Cars Were Burned.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Dec. 20.—One man was killed and two seriously hurt in a collision between a freight and coal train at White House early to-day.

Fireman J. A. Johnson, of the freight train, was the man killed, and the injured were Fireman James Decker, of the coal train, who was hurt internally and had one of his eyes knocked out, and Engineer Ramsey Sutton, who was cut and shocked.

The engine of the freight train was wrecked, and twenty-five cars wrecked, and traffic on four tracks blocked for hours.

The wrecked cars took fire and several were destroyed.

The officials of the railroad have refused to say who is to blame for the collision.

Left Unconscious by Thugs.

BORNTOWN, N. J., Dec. 20.—Cars Jones, well-known here, was beaten and robbed and left unconscious on the street to-day. The police are trying to trace the thugs.

YULETIDE FEAST TO 1,000 FAMILIES

Many Needy New Yorkers Will Be the Evening
World's Guests on Christmas Day.

One thousand needy families in Greater New York will receive from The Evening World one thousand Christmas dinners.

Each dinner will be sufficient for a family of six and will contain the most delicious Yuletide fare possible to obtain. The dinners will be packed in baskets and delivered at the recipients' homes on Dec. 24.

Christmas is a day on which all rich and poor alike should be glad, and when families should feast together. It is the season of peace and good will, of family reunions, of cheer to the inner as well as to the outer man.

The Evening World, realizing that many persons who richly deserve such Christmas blessings are too poor to provide them in these days of high-priced foods, desires to make up for this deficit in every way in its power. In the earlier years of its existence The Evening World accomplished this purpose by holding Christmas trees in various parts of the city, where toys, candy and warm, serviceable clothes were given to poor children. During the past three years, however, the plan of giving dinners has been adopted, as being of more practical value to entire families.

The children have not been forgotten in making this change, as seen by the items of cakes and candies on the menu. But children and grown-ups alike will rejoice in the whole feast, from the soup to the plum pudding.

In order to make sure that all the dinners will go to families most needing such Yuletide cheer, the distribution will be conducted solely through the Charity Organization Society, acting in conjunction with the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities, the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Paulist Fathers.

The agents of these various philanthropic associations are in touch with the poor in every district of Greater New York, and they know better than could any outside agency the comparative needs of each family. These agents will report to their societies the thousand families which are to be The Evening World's guests.

The names of these families will not be published. The Evening World sends each and every one of the dinners with earnest wishes for the happiness and increased welfare of the recipients, and the hope that the coming year may prove the gladdest and most prosperous that any of them have ever known.

FORGED MARRIAGE LINES.

Brown Framed the Certificate and
Hung It on the Wall.

Believing that he had deserted her and had married another woman without securing a divorce, Mrs. Grace Reilly Brown, of No. 34 East Fourth street, Manhattan, caused the arrest to-day of William J. Brown, a restaurant waiter. Brown was living at No. 197 Hoyt street, Brooklyn, with Kitty Charlotte Mass, and on the wall was what purported to be a marriage certificate.

When arraigned in the Adams Street Court, Brown confessed that he had forged the marriage certificate so as to satisfy Miss Mass's relatives. He had been had not been married the second time.

While in court Brown collapsed and was taken to the Brooklyn Hospital, where it was said he was suffering from heart failure. He will recover, and his wife then promises to prosecute him on a charge of abandonment.

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MAURICE GRAU TAKING REST.

The Manager Drops Out of Active
Work for a Few Weeks.

Maurice Grau has yielded to the counsel of his physician and will temporarily step out of the active management of the affairs of the Metropolitan Opera-House. It is denied that he is seriously ill, and Dr. Charles Phelps says he will be back at work in a few weeks. Frank W. Sanger will have charge of his affairs during his absence from the Opera-House.

The strain of overwork has been telling on Mr. Grau for a long time, but he has steadily refused to give up. At last he got his affairs into such a condition that he could step out for a time, and he decided to take the much-needed rest. He is at his home, where he refuses to meet any but social callers.

NOT DUE TO CLIMATE.

Catarh Is Found Everywhere.

Catarh is at home everywhere and everywhere. While more common in cold, changeable climates, it is by no means confined to them, but is prevalent in every State and Territory of the Union.

The common definition of catarh is a chronic cold in the head, which if long neglected often destroys the sense of smell and hearing; but there are many other forms of the disease, even more obstinate and dangerous.

Catarh of the throat and bronchial tubes, as well as catarh of the stomach and liver, are almost as common as nasal catarh, and generally more difficult to cure.

Catarh is undoubtedly a blood disease, and can only be successfully eradicated by an internal treatment. Sprays, washes and powders are useless as far as reaching the real seat of the disease is concerned.

Dr. McIlverney advises catarh sufferers to use a new preparation, sold by druggists, called Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, because actual analysis has shown these tablets to contain certain antiseptic qualities of the highest value, and being an internal remedy, pleasant to the taste, convenient and harmless, can be used as freely as required, as well for children as for adults.

An attorney and public speaker, who had been a catarh sufferer for years, says: "Every fall I would catch a cold which would settle in my head and throat and hang on all winter long, and every winter it seemed to get a little worse. I was continually clearing my throat, and my voice became affected to such an extent as to interfere with my public speaking."

"I tried troches and cheap cough cures, and sometimes got relief, but only for a short time, until this winter, when I learned of the new catarh cure, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, through a newspaper advertisement. Two fifty-cent boxes which I bought at my druggist's cleared my head and throat in fine shape, and to guard against a return of my old trouble I keep a box of the tablets on hand, and whenever I catch a little cold I take a tablet or two and ward off any serious development."

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets deserves to head the list as a household remedy, to check and break up coughs and colds, because unlike many other catarh and cough cures, these tablets contain no opiate, cocaine or any injurious drug.

Brooklyn's
Premier Restaurant,
THE
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8, 10, 12 Nevins St.
(Johnston Building).

OPENS AT 10-DAY

SHANNON'S

23d Regiment

ORCHESTRA.

Genuine
Carter's Little Liver Pill

Must Bear Signature of

SEE FACSIMILE WRAPPER BELOW.

Very small and so easy
to take as sugar.

CARTER'S
LITTLE
LIVER
PILLS

FOR HEADACHE,
FOR DIZZINESS,
FOR BILIOUSNESS,
FOR TORPID LIVER,
FOR CONSTIPATION,
FOR SALLOW SKIN,
FOR THE COMPLEXION

Cure Sick Headache

IRVING NOW THEATRELESS.

House Where He Won His Tri-
umphs to Close and Be Sold.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Lyceum Theatre, Sir Henry Irving's playhouse, is to be closed and the property sold, according to a decision reached yesterday at a meeting of the shareholders.

The eminent actor will cancel his agreement. Extensive repairs and improvements ordered by the building authorities, which would involve the expenditure of a large sum, caused the action taken by the company.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

A Timely Warning on Some of
Its Dangers.

During the season of Christmas shopping great care should be taken not to unnecessarily expose yourself to colds that are likely to result in grip and pneumonia. The excitement of the day is quite likely to cause you to overlook the sudden change from hot to cold, coming from the close and suffocating air of the big stores to the street. Then there is great danger from disease germs where so many people are gathered in close quarters.

Doctors declare that this is one explanation for the annual increase of sickness at this season. While this article is again written to call your attention to the value of Father's

John's Medicine in curing and preventing colds, grip and pneumonia, it will be of value to you and save your life if it causes you to be careful and avoid the dangers we have pointed out—they are real dangers.

And if we cause you to avoid the potent medicines, 99 per cent of which contain nerve-deadening and poisonous drugs, by again warning you against them, it will be the means of saving your health.

Father John's Medicine is not a patent preparation—it was prescribed for the late Rev. Fr. John O'Brien, of St. Patrick's parish, fifty years ago by an eminent specialist.

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your empty one in Sunday
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